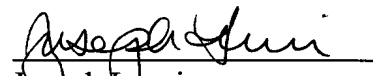


REMARKS

The Office Action mailed September 13, 1999, requires restriction to one of two inventions said to be claimed. In response, Applicants elect to prosecute claims 1-9 and 11-21, which have been denominated Group I.

It is believed all of the claims presently before the Examiner patentably define the invention over the prior art and are otherwise in condition for ready allowance. An early Office Action to that effect is, therefore, earnestly solicited.

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